(b) the number of countries which had partciipated in the earlier International Film Festivals in India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was a very low turn-out at the screening of various film due to after-effects of the Cauvery agitation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Forty countries including India participated in the Twenty-third International Film Festival held in Bangalore.

(b) The number of countries which participated in the International Film Festival of India in the past few years are as follows :—

		Countries
1987	——	46
1988	——	31
1989	——	45
1990	——	45
1991	——	38

(c) While, in the begining, there was lukewarm response, the festival picked up momentum as it progressed. The overall scales collection from the public screening was about 78%. The turn-out at the shown for press and delegates was consistently good..

Non furnishing of details by drug companies

*398. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI RAJNI RAJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1323 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that companies are not giving details in Form-6 and their pre-tax returns are not known;

*(b) if so, how the monitoring is done;

(c) how are the usual and unusual increases in the price of decontrolled ormulations determined by the Government;

(d) what are the criteria laid down indicating the limit o f increase in ex-jactory cost or mark up or the purpose; and

(e) what are the reasons f or which neither the details are obtained nor action is taken against the producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a), (b) and (e) The overall response of drug companies in furnishing information in Form-6 has not been satisfactory. However with constant efforts there has been some improvement.

(c) and (d) As per DPCU, 1987, MAPE at the rate of 75% and 100% on the ex-factory cost is allowed in respect of Category I and Category II formulations respectively. In respect of non-scheduled formulations, manufactureres are free to fix/revise their own prices. As per the approach adopted at present, whenever the price increase or MAPE charged in case of a non-scheduled formulation appears to be unreasonable, companies are asked to justify the increase in the prices. In case adequate Justification does not exist, companies are prevailed upon to reduce the price in the overall interest of the consumer.

Sick Small Scale Industrial Units in Bihar

*399. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that over 45000 small scale industrial units are lying sick or closed in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) :

(a) and (b) As per the latest RBI data, the number of sick small scale industiral units in Bihar as at the end of March 1990 stood at 5007 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 56.42 crores.

(c) As per the existing policy for containing sickness in the small scale sector, Government have taken the following policy measures to revive sick small scale industriel units including those in Bihar;—